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To: Elgin City Council
From: Kevin Cooper, 2010 Coordinator
RE: Progress Report for December, 1993

We have scheduled a meeting with RDI, Inc. staff to discuss completion of the strategic plan. Joe Garlitz, Christine McLaughlin, LaVeta Botz, Maureen Smolkowski, and myself will be representing the committee. We expect the planning process will begin later this month or in early February.

Steve McClure has invited the 2010 Committee to make a formal presentation to the Union County Commission on Jan. 19 to request funds from their Economic Development Discretionary Fund. I have decided to increase the request from \$2,000 to at least \$3,000. Since the city will be the applicant, I have asked Joe to accompany me and will ask Maureen Smolkowski to attend representing the committee.

I have prepared an application for the LOC Livable Cities grant program. I am requesting \$1,000 to continue my contract with the city. As part of this and the county grant, I am donating 50 hours of professional services to this contract. This will make both requests more competitive.

I met with Dan Moore who is the Chairman of the Union County Watershed Subcommittee and asked him about supporting the Hunaha Park Project. He was excited about the project's opportunity to provide a model for stream side restoration in small cities. He suggested we put together a proposal on the project and present it to his committee. He also offered the services of their resource professionals at no cost. This will help define the environmental compliance and cost estimates of the project. We would have to pay for architectural design work because they do not have a landscape architect on the team. I know a very qualified firm who could do this work and will be contacting them in the next few days.

I am currently researching several grant sources which could be used for both the Hunaha Park project and Riverfest. The City will be the applicant for at least two of these grants. One may be ready by the January council meeting for approval.